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In re Letters Patent of:
Hiroto Sumida et al.

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Issued: April 12, 2005

For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR
CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND
CARRIER TAPE CONNECTING METHOD
USING THIS CONNECTING MEMBER

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.322**

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Dear Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, Patentee noted typographical errors which should be corrected.

In the Claims:

In Claim 14, column 16, line 9, before "a" insert --and--;

In Claim 22, column 16, line 36, delete "use" and insert --used--.

The errors were not in the application as filed by applicant; accordingly no fee is required. Please see the Amendment filed April 1, 2004 (copy attached).

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction effecting such amendment. Patentee respectfully solicits the granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

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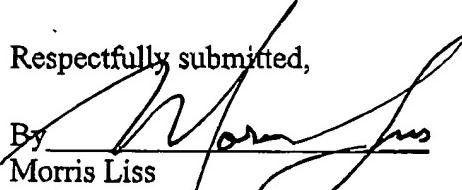
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PATENT NO. : **6,878,424**
DATED : **April 12, 2005**
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Claims:

In Claim 14, column 16, line 9, before "a" insert --and--;

In Claim 22, column 16, line 36, delete "use" and insert --used--.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes, comprising:
 - a base film;
 - a reference band substantially fixed on said base film; and
 - a bonding tape adhering on said base film,
wherein a straight reference face is provided onby said reference band closely to and confronting said bonding tape.
2. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein said base film is configured into a rectangular shape, and said reference band is positioned in parallel with one side of said base film.
3. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein the color of said reference band is different from that of said base film.
4. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein said base film is transparent.
5. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 4, wherein the color of said reference band is selected from the group consisting of black, red, blue, yellow, green, and white.

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6. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 35, wherein said reference band is thicker than said cover film.
7. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein a plurality of feed hole marks are provided between said reference band and said bonding tape on said base film, and said feed hole marks are arrayed at predetermined intervals so as to agree with feed holes of each carrier tape.
8. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein an edge mark is provided at a longitudinal center of said base film to indicate a portion corresponding to a cut face of each carrier tape.
9. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein a folding line is provided between two bonding tapes on said base film, and said folding line is parallel to said reference face of said reference band.
10. (Currently amended) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 9, wherein said base film is configured into a rectangular shape, and a distance from said folding line to said reference face of the reference band located near one side of said base film is longer than a distance from said folding line to an opposite side of said base film.

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11. (Currently amended) ~~The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 2A connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes, comprising:~~

a base film;

a reference band substantially fixed on said base film;

a bonding tape adhering on said base film;

wherein a straight reference face is provided on said reference band closely to said bonding tape;

wherein said base film is configured into a rectangular shape, and said reference band is positioned in parallel with one side of said base film; and,

wherein a predetermined gap is provided between said reference band and one side of said base film.

12. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 35, wherein said cover film overhangs from a side of said base film far from said reference band.

13. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two carrier tapes in accordance with claim 1, wherein said base film and said bonding tape have the same size in a longitudinal direction of said reference band.

14. (Previously presented) The connecting member used for serially connecting two